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**EVANSVILLE FELON SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS
AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PERRY M. SCROGGINS, 32, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to five counts of felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

SCROGGINS pleaded guilty to the five charges against him on February 27. According to facts presented in court at that time, on four separate days between August and November of 2002, in Evansville, SCROGGINS possessed five different firearms. SCROGGINS admitted that he possessed the firearms after he had been convicted of three

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separate felony offenses in Posey County, Indiana, in 1990 and 1992. Because the three felonies were residential burglaries, SCROGGINS was sentenced as an armed career criminal subjecting him to a mandatory minimum sentence of fifteen years under federal law.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following SCROGGINS's imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, SCROGGINS must undergo drug testing.

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